

### Anatomy of the shoulder joint:

-4 Bones: Humerus - Scapula - Clavicle - Sternum

-4 Joints: Glenohumeral - Acromioclavicular - Sternoclavicular - Scapulothoracic

-Glenohumeral Joint: Most common dislocated joint - Lacks bony stability

Rotator cuff muscles → stabilize shoulder (Supraspinatus - Infraspinatus - Teres Minor - Subscapularis)

### Shoulder injuries:

#### 1-Acromioclavicular Joint Sprain: "Shoulder separation"

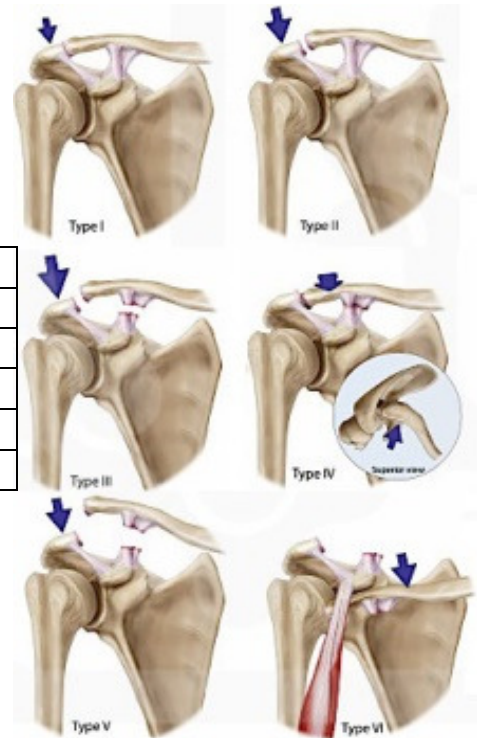
-Common

-**Mechanism:** ▪Fall landing on "point" or lateral aspect of shoulder

▪Fall on outstretched hand

-**Classification:**

Type 1	Non-displaced sprain of AC ligament
Type 2	Torn AC ligament but coracoclavicular ligament intact
Type 3	Disruption of both ligaments without clavicle displace.
Type 4	Distal clavicle displaced posteriorly into trapezial fascia
Type 5	Extreme superior elevation of clavicle
Type 6	clavicle displaced inferior to acromion & coracoid process



-**Clinically:**

-History of trauma

-Well-localized swelling & tenderness over AC joint

-Painful active & passive range of motion

-Crossover testing increases pain

-**Treatment:**

▪ Type I, II, III: Conservative treatment (Ice, Rest, NSAIDS - Begin ROM exercise as soon as tolerated)

▪ Type IV and higher: May require further surgical intervention

#### 2-Sternoclavicular joint displacement:

-**Mechanism:** Fall on outstretched hand - Direct trauma

-**Clinically:** Ant: Swelling - Post: compression on trachea & esophagus

-**Treatment:** Ant: Conservative - Post: open reduction (No Int. fixation in order not to injury great vessels)

#### 3-Rotator cuff muscles injury:

-May be complete or partial. ▪Minor injury: conservative ttt. ▪Major injury: need surgical interference.

#### 4-Clavicle fracture:

-Most occur in middle one-third of clavicle

-**Mechanism:** ▪Fall on outstretched arm or point of shoulder ▪Direct blow to mid-portion of clavicle

-**Clinically:** Pain, swelling, crepitus

-There is a risk of **injury** to: Pleura, brachial plexus & subclavian artery. So, Complete neurovascular assessment is very important.

-**Treatment:** ▪Conservative (Sling for 4 - 6 weeks) ▪Marked displacement: ORIF by plate & screws

## 5-Anterior shoulder dislocation: "The most common"

**Dislocation:** Complete separation of articular surfaces

**Subluxation:** Abnormal translation of humeral head on glenoid without complete separation of articular surfaces

**Mechanism:** ▪ Forced extension, abduction, external rotation

▪ Direct blow to posterior or posterolateral shoulder ▪ Repeated episodes of overuse (subluxation)

**Physical Exam:**

- Severe pain
- Arm held in abduction & external rotation
- Humeral head palpable anteriorly
- Unable to completely internally rotate or abduct the shoulder
- Thorough neurological exam (close relation of axillary nerve)

**Treatment:**

- Close reduction under general anesthesia by either:

▪ Traction-countertraction ▪ Stimson maneuver

- Then, sling: for healing of labrum (*Bankart's lesion*), capsule & subscapularis  
+ ice & NSAIDs & protected range of motion for 3-4 weeks

- Rotator cuff strengthening after acute pain resolves

- Return to sport when normal strength & motion regained

- Recurrent dislocation:

MRI for accurate determination of the lesion – Surgery for augmentation of capsule & subscapularis ms

\*\*Posterior dislocation is less common, occurs in epileptic patients, ttt is conservative



## 6-Fracture of proximal humerus:

**-Mechanism:** Fall on outstretched arm

- Greater trochanter fracture occurs usually with anterior shoulder dislocation and usually doesn't require surgical intervention. Only conservative ttt

- Fracture at the surgical neck requires ORIF with plate & screws and may be associated with injury of axillary nerve (which can also happen during int. fix.)

**-Axillary nerve injury** is characterized by:

▪ Loss of abduction of shoulder (deltoid) ▪ Sensory loss at badge area

- Anatomical neck fracture alters the blood supply so, there is a bad prognosis due to the occurrence of **AVN**

- Try closed internal fixation in young patients, but if failed or the patient is old proceed to **Arthroplasty**

